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Referred to Committee on Energy and Technology

Introduced by:
(ET)

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A LOW-INCOME ENERGY ADVISORY BOARD.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2005*) (a) There shall be a Low-
2 Income Energy Advisory Board which shall consist of the following
3 members or their designees: The Secretary of the Office of Policy and
4 Management; the Commissioner of Social Services; the executive
5 director of the Commission on Aging; a representative of each electric
6 and gas public service company designated by each such company; the
7 chairperson of the Department of Public Utility Control; the Consumer
8 Counsel; the executive director of Operation Fuel; the executive
9 director of Infoline; the director of the Connecticut Local
10 Administrators of Social Services; the executive director of Legal
11 Assistance Resource Center of Connecticut; the Connecticut president
12 of AARP; a designee of the Norwich Public Utility; a designee of the
13 Connecticut Petroleum Dealers Association; and a representative of the
14 community action agencies administering energy assistance programs
15 under contract with the Department of Social Services, designated by
16 the Connecticut Association for Community Action.

17 (b) The Low-Income Energy Advisory Board shall advise and assist
 18 the Office of Policy and Management and the Department of Social
 19 Services in the planning, development, implementation and
 20 coordination of energy assistance related programs and policies and
 21 low-income weatherization assistance programs and policies, shall
 22 advise the Department of Public Utility Control regarding the impact
 23 of utility rates and policies, and shall make recommendations to the
 24 General Assembly regarding legislation and plans subject to legislative
 25 approval to ensure affordable access to residential energy services to
 26 low-income state residents.

27 (c) The Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management or the
 28 person designated by the secretary pursuant to subsection (a) of this
 29 section shall be the chairperson of the board.

30 (d) The Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management shall
 31 convene the first meeting of the board not later than December 1, 2005.
 32 The secretary shall provide notice of meetings to the members of Low-
 33 Income Energy Advisory Board, provide space for such meetings,
 34 maintain minutes and publish reports of the board.

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| This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections: | | |
| Section 1 | October 1, 2005 | New section |

ET *Joint Favorable C/R* HS

HS *Joint Favorable*

LM *Joint Favorable*